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DEVICE CONTROL
APPARATUS,
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MANAGEMENT METHOD,
AND MEMORY MEDIUM
STORING PROGRAM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449.

EP 0 930 748
JP 11-134140
JP 11-203087
JP 2000-194640

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

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A copy of JP 11-134140, together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed. A copy of JP 11-203087 is also enclosed but without an English-language abstract. Since an English-language abstract is not available for this document, a copy of EP 0 930 748, which is believed to be an English-language counterpart thereof, is enclosed. Finally, a copy of JP 2000-194640 and a complete English translation thereof are enclosed.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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